

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

**Tuesday, July 24, 2007**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Room 308 House Office Building**

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The House Standing Committee on Government Operations was called to order by **Representative Lisa Wojno**, Chair.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Wojno, Kathleen Law, Condino, Constan, Polidori, Young, Hoogendyk, Hune and David Law.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None.

**Chair Wojno** announced that the committee has received, on behalf of the Michigan House of Representatives, the following audits from the Office of the Auditor General:

**APRIL**

#271-0400-07 Financial - Financial Audit including the provisions of the Single Audit Act, of the Michigan Strategic Fund (A Component Unit of the State of Michigan) for the period October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2006

#431-0142-06 Performance -- Performance Audit of the Michigan State Disbursement Unit, Department of Human Services for the period May 1, 2005 through May 31, 2006

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#950-0150-07 Financial -- Financial Audit including the provisions of the Single Audit Act, of the State-Funded Judicial Operations for period October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2006

#761-0153-06 Performance -- Performance Audit of the Land and Water Management Division, Department of Environmental Quality for the period October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2006

#641-0425-06L Performance -- Performance Audit of the Utility Consumer Participation Board, Department of Labor and Economic Growth for the period October 1, 2002 through July 28, 2006

#032-0360-06 Performance -- Performance Audit of Washtenaw Community College for the period August 1, 2003 through July 31, 2006

#431-0272-06 Performance -- Performance Audit of the Adrian Training School, Department of Human Services for the period January 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006

#231-0100-07 Financial -- Financial Audit including the provisions of the Single Audit Act of the Department of State for the period October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2006

#271-0405-07 Financial -- Financial Audit including the provisions of the Single Audit Act of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for the period October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2006

#151-0100-07 Financial -- Financial Audit including the provisions of the Single Audit Act of the Department of Civil Rights for the period October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2006

#071-0100-07 Program Specific --Program-Specific Audit, in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, of the Donation of Federal Surplus Personal Property Program, Department of Management and Budget for the period October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2006

#111-0100-07 Financial -- Financial Audit including the provisions of the Single Audit Act of the Department of Attorney General for the period October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2006

#231-0590-03F Follow-up -- Follow-up report on the performance audit of the Automated Information Systems, Department of State and Department of Information Technology

#271-0265-07 Financial -- Financial Audit of the Commercial Mobile Radio Service Emergency Telephone Fund, Department of Treasury and Michigan Department of State Police for the period October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2006

#791-0100-07 Financial -- Financial Audit including the provisions of the Single Audit Act of the Department of Agriculture for the period October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2006

#641-0100-07 Financial -- Financial Audit including the provisions of the Single Audit Act of the Department of Labor and Economic Growth for the period October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2006

**Representative Condino** moved to adopt the minutes of the **June 19, 2006**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Chair Wojno** laid **HB 4854** before the committee:

HB 4854	Alma Smith	Retirement; investments; state funds in any Sudanese business or interest; require treasurer to divest.
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### **TESTIMONY**

**Representative Alma Smith**, sponsor of HB 4854, explained her bill to the committee.

**Ryan Reed**, representing himself, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

**Larry Steckleburg**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in support of the bill.

**Scott Wisor**, representing the Sudan Divestment Task Force, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

**Horia Dijmarescu, Kristine Kendall and Lauren Davies**, representing the Nine 4 Peace Committee, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

**Rachel Kulasa**, representing MSU STAND (Spartans Taking Action Now: Darfur), testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

**Ginny Mitchell** submitted written testimony on behalf of **Nick Shannon**, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Tappan Middle School in Ann Arbor, representing the Michigan Darfur Coalition, in support of the bill.

**Brennan and Riley Mitchell**, representing the Michigan Darfur Coalition, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

**Susan Herman**, representing the Michigan Jewish Conference, submitted a card in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

**Wendy Wagenheim**, representing the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Michigan Darfur Coalition, submitted a card in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

**Aldo Vagnozzi**, representing the 37<sup>th</sup> District, testified in support of the bill.

**Mark Haas**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, submitted a card in support of the bill.

**Representative Constan** moved to adopt the substitute **(H-2)** to **HB 4854**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Wojno, Kathleen Law, Condino, Constan, Polidori, Young, Hoogendyk, Hune and David Law,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**Chair Wojno** offered the following amendment to **HB 4854 (H-2)**:

1. Amend page 2, line 19, by striking out "**COUNCIL FOR THE DEFINED BENEFIT PORTION OF**" and inserting "**SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TIER 1 PLAN FOR**".

**Representative Young** moved to adopt the amendment.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Wojno, Kathleen Law, Condino, Constan, Polidori, Young, Hoogendyk, Hune and David Law,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Representative Kathleen Law** moved to report **HB 4854** with recommendation, as substitute (H-3).

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Wojno, Kathleen Law, Condino, Constan, Polidori, Young, Hoogendyk, Hune and David Law,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Chair Wojno** laid **HB 4903** before the committee:

HB 4903	Knollenberg	Retirement; investments; investing assets in a corporation doing business with certain countries; prohibit.
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**TESTIMONY**

**Representative Knollenburg**, sponsor of HB 4903, explained his bill to the committee.

**Susan Herman**, representing the Michigan Jewish Conference, testified in support of the bill.

**Representative Vagnozzi**, representing the 37<sup>th</sup> District, testified in support of the bill.

**Bryce Sandler**, representing himself, submitted a card in support of the bill.

**Representative Hoogendyk** moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to **HB 4903**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Wojno, Kathleen Law, Condino, Constan, Polidori, Young, Hoogendyk, Hune and David Law,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Chair Wojno** offered the following amendments to **HB 4903 (H-1)**:

1. Amend page 2, line 10, by striking out "**COUNCIL FOR THE DEFINED BENEFIT PORTION OF**" and inserting "**SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TIER 1 PLAN FOR**".
2. Amend page 4, line 19, after "**CONSORTIUMS**" by striking out "**OR**" and inserting "**AND**".
3. Amend page 5, line 11, after "**EFFORTS**" by striking out "**SHALL**" and inserting "**MAY**".
4. Amend page 5, following line 22, by inserting:  
"**(D) REVIEWING THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES REGARDING THE LEVELS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY THAT WOULD CAUSE APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST COMPANIES CONDUCTING BUSINESS OR INVESTING IN COUNTRIES THAT ARE DESIGNATED STATE SPONSORS OF TERROR.**".
5. Amend page 8, line 15, after the first "**IN**" by striking out "**SUDAN**" and inserting "**IRAN**".

**Representative Young** moved to adopt the amendments.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Wojno, Kathleen Law, Condino, Constan, Polidori, Young, Hoogendyk, Hune and David Law,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Representative Condino** moved to report **HB 4903** with recommendation, as substitute (**H-3**).

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Wojno, Kathleen Law, Condino, Constan, Polidori, Young, Hoogendyk, Hune and David Law,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Chair Wojno** laid **HR 59** before the committee:

HR 59	Vagnozzi	A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States and the United States State Department to increase efforts to halt the
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violence and to provide humanitarian assistance in the Darfur region of Sudan.

### **TESTIMONY**

**Representative Vagnozzi**, sponsor of HR 59, explained his resolution to the committee.

**Representative Polidori** moved to report **HR 59** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Wojno, Kathleen Law, Condino, Constan, Polidori, Young, Hoogendyk, Hune and David Law,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Chair Wojno** laid **HR 63** before the committee:

HR 63	Cushingberry	A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to prohibit federal funds from going to any business or entity that works with the Sudanese government.
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### **TESTIMONY**

**Representative Vagnozzi**, representing the 37<sup>th</sup> District, testified in support of the resolution.

**Representative Condino** moved to report **HR 63** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Wojno, Kathleen Law, Condino, Constan, Polidori, Young, Hoogendyk, Hune and David Law,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

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**Representative Lisa Wojno, Chair**  
**House Standing Committee on Government Operations**  
Malika Abdur-Rashid  
Committee Clerk  
517-373-7256, 59 minutes